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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the commission of veterans affairs to take
2 certain actions related to a plan to establish a veterans
3 national recovery center in Newton, and including effective
4 date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS — STUDY
2 REGARDING VETERANS NATIONAL RECOVERY CENTER.

3 1. The commission of veterans affairs shall conduct a study
4 of the business plan for the repurposing of the former Maytag
5 headquarters complex in Newton, submitted to the commission by
6 the veterans national recovery center, a 501(c)(3) corporation
7 organized for the purpose of providing charity to veterans
8 and their families. The primary purpose of the study is to
9 explore the relationship between the state of Iowa and the
10 repurposed Maytag headquarters complex as it is proposed to be
11 operated, to validate the fiscal and operational logic of the
12 business plan, to fill in critical gaps in the business plan,
13 to identify national, state, and local benefits provided to
14 veterans, and to identify economic benefits to be produced for
15 the city of Newton and the state of Iowa. The commission shall
16 make any corrections to the business plan deemed necessary by
17 the results of the study.

18 2. The commission of veterans affairs shall submit the
19 corrected business plan for review and certification by a
20 certified public accountant.

21 3. The commission of veterans affairs shall fund the
22 costs of such study, review, and certification with moneys
23 appropriated to the commission from the veterans license fee
24 fund pursuant to section 35A.11.

25 4. The commission on veterans affairs shall provide the
26 results of the commission's study and any relevant materials
27 produced in the review and certification to the governor and
28 the general assembly, with a copy to the veterans national
29 recovery center by June 1, 2012.

30 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
31 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill requires that the commission of veterans affairs
34 take certain actions related to a plan to establish a veterans
35 national recovery center in Newton.

1 The bill requires that the commission conduct a study of the
2 business plan for the repurposing of the Maytag headquarters
3 complex in Newton, submitted to the commission by the veterans
4 national recovery center. The bill requires the commission
5 of veterans affairs to evaluate and make corrections to the
6 business plan and have the business plan reviewed and certified
7 by a certified public accountant. The commission shall pay
8 for the costs of such study, review, and certification with
9 moneys appropriated to the commission from the veterans license
10 fee fund, established in Code section 35A.11. The bill also
11 requires that the commission of veterans affairs provide the
12 results of the study and any relevant materials produced in
13 the review and certification to the governor and the general
14 assembly, with a copy to the veterans national recovery center,
15 by June 1, 2012.

16 The bill takes effect upon enactment.